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Cauvery River Water Sharing Dispute
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations made by the Cauvery Supervisory Committee in regard to release of Cauvery water;
(b) the observations made by the Hon"ble Supreme Court in the matter, if any; and
(c) the action taken/to be taken by the Government to ensure settlement of water sharing issue amongst the concerned States amicably?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) The 7th meeting of Supervisory Committee on Cauvery was held on 19.9.2016. As there was no consensus on quantum of release, the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee having taken into account the daily inflows into the reservoirs of Karnataka, drinking water requirement of the people of Karnataka and the requirement of Samba crop in Tamil Nadu and also the significant deficit in rainfall from June onwards, as brought out by Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) during the current and previous year, decided to ask the State of Karnataka to release water at the rate of 3000 cusecs per day for 10 days from 21.09.2016 till 30.09.2016. The Chairman of the Committee also asked the State of Tamil Nadu to release water proportionately to Union Territory of Puducherry.

(b) On the plea of Tamil Nadu in the Apex Court, the Hon'ble Supreme Court, passed directions to Karnataka to release waters at Billigundulu site from 7/9/2016 to 31/12/2016, as detailed in the following table:

WATER RELEASE AT BILLIGUNDULU SITE DIRECTED BY SUPREME COURT
Duration Water Release (cusecs)
7/9/2016 − 12/9/2016 15000
13/9/2016 − 20/9/2016 12000
21/9/2016 -27/9/2016 6000
28/9/2016 - 30/9/2016 6000
01/10/2016 - 06/10/2016 6000
07/10/2016 - 31/10/2016 2000
01/11/2016 - 30/11/2016 2000
01/12/2016 - 31/12/2016 2000

(c) This Ministry vide notification dated 19.02.2013 notified order of Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) award dated 05.02.2007 to make it effective and binding on party States. The party States have filed Civil Appeals in the Apex Court against the order of CWDT dated 05.02.2007. On 9.12.2016, the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its judgment has upheld the maintainability of the Civil Appeals related to Cauvery dispute filed by the party states. As on date, the matter is subjudice.
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